

# Third 1916 Griffman Signs for Coming Season—Dreyfuss Will Shut His Park

## ANOTHER GRIFFMAN SIGNS A CONTRACT

Old Fox Receives Third Document From Member of His 1916 Outfit.

## ALTROCK AWAITING ORDERS

Dick Hoblitzel, Fraternity Director, Disagrees With Fultz's Action.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Another member of the Griffman of 1916 has signed his contract for the coming season, defying the orders of President David L. Fultz, of the Baseball Players' Fraternity.

When Manager Griffith opened his mail today he was overjoyed to find the signed contract which brings up his total to three. Counting Johnson, Zeb Milan, Ray Morgan, and Eddie Foster, all of whom are working on contracts running through the 1917 season, seven players are sure to be in line when the bell rings.

"No, I can't say whose contract came in today," laughed the Old Fox. "It'll be time enough to let the fans know when we hike South. But, judging from letters coming in today, many more of the boys will not hesitate any longer than absolutely necessary. I don't blame them for holding back a few weeks to see what happens to Fultz's demands. Some of the boys live in small towns and never see a newspaper from a big league city. I suppose they are waiting for the weeklies."

Nick Altrock Writes.

Uncle Nick Altrock, larger half of the comedy knockabout team of Altrock and Sawyer, came to time today with a letter to "dear teacher." Nick has left the vaudeville stage flat on its back and has gone in for selling sporting goods, thus making himself a professional in the eyes of the golf and tennis lords.

"Nick is full of pep," announces Griffith, "and is anxious for marching orders. He's a great card, is old Nick, and he'll be in the party leaving for Augusta this spring. He ought to be busy with that bunch of southpaws I've got."

The American League has adopted a policy of secrecy as to those players signing contracts for 1917. With the exception of players admitting their breaking away from the fraternity, until the athletes leave for their training camps, the fans will not be sure who is in line and who isn't. Manager Griffith, withholding the names of the two regulars who have signed, is carrying out this policy of the league.

Hoblitzel Disagrees.

Added evidence of lack of team work among members of the Players' Fraternity came to light today when Dick Hoblitzel, first baseman of the world's champion Boston Red Sox and a director in the fraternity, announced from his home in Parkersburg, W. Va., that he is not in sympathy with the proposal to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

"I am with President Fultz in his demands upon the magnates," says Hoblitzel, "and if a strike is to come, I'll stick to the fraternity, but I can see no good to be derived from obtaining a charter from the American Federation of Labor. I don't think baseball is the same thing as a trade."

Up to today forty major league players have indicated their dissatisfaction with President Fultz's handling of their case against the forces of organized baseball. Slim Saltee, the Giants' veteran southpaw pitcher, and Oscar Stange, Detroit's veteran backstop, have been expelled from the fraternity for signing.

Ray Schalk, the White Sox catcher, is expected to meet the same fate. Comiskey gave his speedy little backstop a fat raise and immediately a signed contract flopped across Comiskey's desk.

Question of Salary.

The real nub of the controversy seems to be a question of salary. Players drawing war-time salaries out of all proportion under present conditions are having slices given them. Many have declined to sign at lower terms than they had last season.

In almost every case coming to light thus far where a player has been given a raise, he has signed. In many cases where 1916 salaries were offered, the players have signed. Usually, where cuts have been made, balking has resulted.

Carey Stengel, Zack Wheat, and Otto Miller, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, have joined the list of players kicking at their contracts. Not one of the three, in returning his contract, makes any mention of the impending strike, however. They have based their argument upon the salary ofered, not upon transportation expenses for minor leaguers.

Groh Will Sign Up.

From Cincinnati comes the word that Heinie Groh, the Reds' star infielder, will defy Fultz's order and sign a contract as soon as a satisfactory salary is named.

"I cannot see why we big leaguers, who have been given everything we have asked for," says Groh, "and who are treated to the best when traveling, should jeopardize our baseball careers now at the request of Dave Fultz."

## WESTERN GOLFERS' FRAME OWN RULE

Will Act Independently of National Association Regarding Amateurs.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Action independent of the United States Golf Association on the definition of an amateur will be taken by the Western Golf Association under the new officers and board of directors elected last night at the annual meeting of the Western Association, it was announced today.

It was said that the contemplated movement might lead to a rupture between the two leading golf bodies in America and eventually result in the formation of a new organization, which would attempt to become the supreme court of golf in the United States. No sooner had the annual meeting ratified the new board of directors than the new board of directors met and named a committee to formulate a positive definition of an amateur. This committee is composed of President Charles F. Thompson, of the Flossmoor Club; Secretary Charles M. Smalley, of Olympia Fields; and Assistant Secretary Crafts W. Higgins, all of Chicago.

Will Submit a Draft. The amateur rule committee will submit a draft of a new definition to the other officers and directors for ratification, and the new rule then will be placed in effect by the board of directors, subject only to review at the next annual meeting of the association.

President Thompson has substantially the unanimous support of the new board of directors, he said, in his effort to formulate a definition of an amateur that would not have to be interpreted as applied to each individual. He said that under the present rule, making a golfer an amateur or a professional depended on the results of a single round in the game, Francis Ouimet had been declared a professional by the United States Golf Association, while another man, who likewise handled golf goods, had been held to be an amateur because in the opinion of the committee he had not gained sufficient prominence on the links.

Has 240 Active Clubs.

The Western Golf Association has as active members 240 clubs, substantially all the golf clubs west of Pittsburgh and south of the Ohio river. Horace F. Smith, of Nashville, president of the Southern Golf Association and a member of the Western association's board of directors, today announced a plan for the organization of a new national body, and it was said today that some such plan might be tried within a few months.

## BASEBALL SOON

High Schools Are Talking Over Possibilities for Season.

Baseball talk is going the rounds. High school youngsters in active in track and basketball are beginning to get the fever. It would not be surprising to find battery candidates out in three weeks or so.

Georgetown is generally the first to get action in Ryan gymnasium, some time ago announced a plan for the organization of a new national body, and it was said today that some such plan might be tried within a few months.

At the same time the high school candidates do some limbering up. A week or two more will bring the pitchers and catchers out for a warming-up.

It seems that Bob King is at Princeton University, playing with the freshmen. Dick King, a younger brother, is the lad who shot nineteen baskets from the floor against St. Albans the other day. Friends had the three Kings at once, brothers, of course, and a right royal family.

George Green, coach of Tome School, will have basketball played in it. As a matter of fact, basketball was not thought of at the Academy until long after the army was completed. Nearly all of the teams which are now the midshipmen's chief opponents had the game well started before it was played at Annapolis.

Would Meet Army.

Basketball was played at West Point several years before it was started here, and the midshipmen have always been anxious to have the service teams meet.

In this wish, no doubt, the cadets meet them heartily, but the authorities have never permitted it. As a rule, the record of the Navy lads has been much better. This year they defeated the "Crabs" and Swarthmore, both of which won rather easily from the soldiers.

Will Play Eight

Michigan's Eleven Will Meet Penn at Franklin Field.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 22.—The 1917 football season of the University of Michigan will open October 3 with the University of Detroit here, and will close November 17, when the University of Pennsylvania will be played at Philadelphia. Syracuse will not be played.

The schedule follows: October 3, University of Detroit; October 6, Case; October 10, Western State Normal School of Kalamazoo; October 20, M. A. C.; October 27, University of Nebraska; Nov. 3, Kalamazoo College; November 10, Cornell University; November 17, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

FRENCH CHAMPION KILLED.

PAU, France, Jan. 22.—George Bernard, the middleweight champion pugilist of France, was killed yesterday while making a flight. Bernard was attached to the aviation corps. He enlisted at the beginning of the war when he was only nineteen years of age.

## TO REVIVE DERBY

Readville Track Will Stage Famous Race Next Summer.

BOSTON, Jan. 22.—The management of the Readville track today announced a harness race meeting of five events, carrying \$11,000 in prizes, on July 4. The American Trotting Derby for three-year-olds, eligible to the 2:20 class, will be renewed for a purse of \$3,000. The Massachusetts 2:08 trot and a free-for-all pace will have prizes of \$2,500 each attached, and the 2:15 trot and 2:10 trot will be for \$1,500 each. The races will be decided in heats of one mile each, best two in three.

## THINK NAVY TEAM IS AHEAD IN EAST

Has Defeated Yale, C. C. N. Y., Crescent A. C., and Swarthmore.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 22.—Jim Collier's basketballers at the Naval Academy have played an undeniably good game this winter, and have not yet met with defeat. On the face of it, their record is probably the best of the Eastern college teams, and some of the Navy people are inclined to hold that it stands at the head of the list. Yale, New York City College, Swarthmore, and the Crescent Athletic Club have been defeated, as well as a number of five of less reputation, but several hard propositions are yet to be tackled. Seven straight wins have been won.

The midshipmen will meet Georgetown next Wednesday, and St. John's (Brooklyn) next Saturday. Then follow the University of Virginia and West Virginia University contests. The latter game comes on February 3, and is the last on the schedule, but the midshipmen are hoping to arrange to play New York University on February 7. The New Yorkers were booked to come to Annapolis last Saturday, but the game had to be canceled, as the midshipmen all attended Admiral Dewey's funeral. New York was the only team to win from the Academy last year, and the midshipmen are particularly anxious for another chance.

Have Fast Combination.

Without questioning that the midshipmen have a fast and clever team, most experts will agree that the fact that they play all their games on the home court makes the award of championship honors to them out of the question, even if they were considerably superior to that of any other college team.

To what extent a visiting team is handicapped at Annapolis is something of a question, but one visiting coach put it as high as 40 per cent, but the game had to be canceled, as the midshipmen all attended Admiral Dewey's funeral. New York was the only team to win from the Academy last year, and the midshipmen are particularly anxious for another chance.

Complain of Floor.

Visiting players sometimes complain of the utter lack of slip and spring in the Navy floor. As a matter of fact, the floor is composed of wooden blocks set in nearly a yard of solid concrete, and the solidity of it is generally a source of discomfort to those not used to it. Another thing is the absolute rigidity of the backboards.

They are set against the gallery of the armory, in which the games are played, and fastened with a number of rigid iron bars. It is not uncommon for the most visitors shoot a little too hard against the board, and lose shots by the ball rebounding over the basket more than it would do on most courts.

Game Not Thought Of.

However, the courts are perfect so far as size is concerned and space beyond the outside lines. They run crossways of the building, and there are half a dozen or so perfect courts, so that that number of practice games can go on at the same time.

Sometimes visitors ask if the armory is laid out with the idea of having basketball played in it. As a matter of fact, basketball was not thought of at the Academy until long after the army was completed. Nearly all of the teams which are now the midshipmen's chief opponents had the game well started before it was played at Annapolis.

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## SCHOOLBOY TEAMS LISTED AT Y. M. C. A.

Basketball and Swimming Teams Met During January and February.

Schoolboy basketball and swimming teams are listed on the winter sport program of the boys' Y. M. C. A. this year to a greater extent than ever before.

Friday night the boys will entertain Western High School swimmers in a dual meet and later in the night will play Eastern in basketball. Seven events have been arranged for the swimmers.

February 2 the Ingram Memorial Church swimmers will be met in the "Y" tank, and at night the St. Albans' School basketball team will be played. Saturday night, February 3, St. Albans will be taken on in a dual swimming meet.

On February 9 the "Y" will stage a wrestling tournament. Mid-February will find the "Y" swimmers pitted against the Central High School Swimmers, while on February 17, Business will be met in a basketball game.

Coach Wilson is having unusual success with the "Y" youngsters. The team has won six straight, and is expected to make a cleanup during the remainder of the year.

## BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

Dave Fultz may stay long enough to issue another "seething statement."

That major league managers are in no sweet mood these days is indicated by the remark of Hughie Jennings to the effect that, if Bob Veach won't sign the contract tendered him, "he'll be sold to some minor league club." Get that? He won't be offered to any other major league club, but will drop right back to the tall sticks. Apparently there must be some understanding around the major leagues as to the punishment to be doled out to those athletes who won't abide by the decision of the referee.

A shadowy world's series will be played at Hot Springs, Ark., between the Dodgers and Red Sox this spring. The last one was shadowy, too, come to think of it.

Our Royal duckpin team, strongest in the history of local bowling, is in a fair way to create a national reputation for itself. At the present time Captain Halley is endeavoring to arrange a match with an all-star combination, of Baltimore, which, should it be rolled, in all probability would result in a victory for the Royals.

With the stake secured from winning this match, it would be possible to get up another affair with one of these crack New England quints, preferably the Miah Murphys, who showed Washingtonians a thing or two about rolling in the A. C. B. A. tournament last year.

Such a match would create wide-spread interest and afford much publicity for both competing teams. The opinion has grown here that the Royals form the strongest combination in the East. Only one quint is mentioned that would possibly prove superior—the Miah Murphys, of Boston.

With evident relief we note the only mention of Les Darcy in the public prints for the day.

Michigan's football eleven will play eight games next fall, the strongest opponents being Pennsylvania, Cornell, and Nebraska. And right there, all is said. Harry Costello's kid team opens the Wolverines' schedule, which also includes such ferocious eleven as Case, Western State Normal, and Kalamazoo. Michigan seems to be following the example of those Eastern eleven who "strengthen" their schedules by dropping all those second class teams with enough ability to make the score a scare.

Western golfers plan a revolt. Well, that'll give them a little space now going to Dave Fultz.

In all this scramble concerning the amelioration of conditions surrounding the minor league ball player, we have yet to hear that the minor leaguer himself will strike, unless his transportation is paid this spring. So far only members of the fraternity, one-fourth of whom are said to be big leaguers, have been quoted as willing to strike. Furthermore, only those big league members are in the fight, nothing coming from the minor league members. If the bushers are suffering and want relief, why don't they strike themselves?

Who is your nominee for Ban Johnson's suggested "home for superannuated players"? Don't all speak at once.

Now inquiries are being made as to why the U. S. G. A. accepted golf writers from the rule against professionalism. As a matter of fact, "capitalizing one's athletic skill," can be easily discovered by impartial investigators. Each case should be decided on its own merits. No blanket rule should be invoked. If John Jones, for instance, who has never written golf, or anything else, wins a championship and almost at once blossoms forth as a full-fledged golf writer, he may be "capitalizing his athletic skill." But if he has been slaving at the writing game for years, and suddenly wins a championship, that might be a horse of another color.

## TO BEGIN TRAINING

Al McCoy Has Posted Forfeit for Battle With Darcy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Al McCoy announced today that he would immediately start training for a bout with Les Darcy, which will take place about two weeks hence, probably at the Manhattan Casino. The exact date has not been set because of Darcy's theatrical engagements. McCoy said that Tom O'Rourke had offered \$25,000 for the bout, \$15,000 to go to Darcy and \$10,000 to himself. Articles have been signed, and each of the men has posted \$500 forfeit money.

## STRONG OPPONENTS OFFERED BALTIMORE

Either All-Star or Royal Duckpin Combination Probably Would Triumph.

Von Losberg's all-star duckpin team, of Baltimore, seems to have bitten off more than it can chew by negotiating matches with local teams. First it was intended that the Baltimoreans meet an all-star combination selected by George Isemann. Prospects for this seem to have dwindled because Losberg insisted on rolling the two-ball game against the wishes of the locals.

Royals Challenge.

Now the Royal team, undoubtedly the strongest that ever competed on local alleys, has hurled a challenge at the Monumental City rollers, agreeing to a compromise on the conditions of the match, permitting the two-ball style for five games in Baltimore and staging the other five of the ten-game series here, using the regulation three-ball game.

Isemann has not given up hope of securing a match for his team. He expects to receive a final decision from Baltimore shortly.

Locals Are Favored.

Should Losberg's quint meet either local team, the all-star or the Royals, it is a safe bet that the Baltimoreans will be beaten. Of all seasons in the history of duckpins here this has brought forward the strongest bunch of bowlers and their records, compared with those of the Maryland city, show a decided margin in favor of the locals.

It is probable that a match between Washington and Baltimore teams at this time would create nearly as much interest as that between this city and Brockton, Mass., some years ago.

It is understood that the Royals would be willing to back themselves for any stake that Losberg's team is capable of putting up.

## PLAY NEXT MONTH

Murray Not Expected to Defend Indoor Tennis Title.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The eighteenth annual tournament for the national indoor lawn tennis championships of the United States in men's singles and doubles will begin on the board courts of the Seventh Regiment armory, Park Avenue and Sixty-sixth street, beginning on Saturday, February 10, and continuing on the following days, except Sunday.

All matches will be two out of three vintage sets, except in the final of the singles and doubles, which will be three sets out of five. First and runner-up prizes in each division and a consolation prize will be awarded.

Robert Lindley Murray, formerly of California, but now a resident of the East, is the present champion, having won the big challenge bowl last year. It is not believed, however, that he will defend his title next month. King Smith and Arthur S. Cragin are the present doubles champions.

WHERE THEY ROLL.

National Capital—Columbians vs. National Capital, at Palace.

District—Grand Centrals vs. Sheremans, at Grand Central.

Masonic—Harmony vs. Washington Centennial, M. M. Parker vs. B. B. French; Hiram vs. New Jerusalem, at Royal.

Commercial—Eveling Star vs. Woodward and Lothrop, at Palace.

Agriculture—Interbureau—Animal Industry vs. Entomology, at Casino.

Red Men—Seneca vs. Minneola; Osceola vs. Idaho; Logan vs. White Eagle, at Idahoy.

Postoffice—R. M. S. vs. Carriers M. O.; Postmasters vs. Night Force, at Postoffice.

Navy Yard—East vs. Miscellaneous, at Capitol Hill.

Capitol Hill—Marines vs. Germanias, at Capitol Hill.

Bureau—Reds vs. Cubs, at Rathskeller.

Georgetown Commercial—C. and C. Supply vs. West Ends, at Georgetown.

Southeast—Cannon Balls vs. Tenorians, at Southeast.

Departmental—Treasury vs. Agriculture, at Palace.

Capitol City—Freemans vs. Ivory Soaps, at Rathskeller.

Mt. Pleasant—Perpetuals vs. Palm Cafe, at Arcade.

Arcade—New York vs. Phi Mu Sigma, at Arcade.

Columbia—Columbians vs. Congressionals, at Columbia.

Fourteenth Street—Speedways vs. Phelps, at Speedway.

Interstate—Fourth Section vs. Stenographers, at Arcade.

Bureau of Standards—Sharpshooters vs. Crackerjacks, at Arcade.

Southern Railway—Tie and Timber vs. Law; Managers vs. Passenger Traffic; Auditors vs. Treasurers, at Palace.

Omo Clara—Red Sox vs. Phillies, at Brightwood.

Washington City Tenpin—Pioneers vs. Royals, at Royal.

## MANY FLOOR GAMES FOR LOCAL QUINTS

School and College Teams to Put in Busy Week in Basketball.

College and schoolboy basketball teams will be hard put to it this week as the next few days will find the quints doing their busy work for the season. Basketball right now is in the height of its popularity.

The season has found a generous attendance at all games and a general manifestation of interest which warrants the prediction that the season will go down as the banner year of the sport here.

Georgetown University, which has won five games in a row, last night taking George Washington into camp by a 30-to-24 score, will play the unbeaten Navy team on Wednesday and will meet the strong St. John's College team, of Brooklyn, on Friday night.

Easier for Navy.

The Navy will have it easier than Georgetown, although they meet the same teams this week. Georgetown meets the sailors on the latter's floor, and will help take the steam out of John's heat Friday night before the Navy meets the Brooklyn players Saturday.

George Washington and Catholic University rest until Saturday. The Hatchettes play the Davis-Bikins team, while the C. U. Players journey to Baltimore for a return game with Loyola College.

Gallaudet Is Busy.

Gallaudet will be busy toward the latter part of the week. The Kendall Greens play the Blue Ridge College five on Friday, while the A. N. Prep team is meeting the Kendall Green reserve players. There are no other games for the colleges during the week.

Schoolboy basketballs will be unusually active. Central and Western meet tomorrow at the Y. M. C. A. while Technical and Business play in the second half of the double bill. The second game was shoved forward one date in order to allow Tech to meet the Martinsburg, W. Va., team on Friday.

No League Games.

There are no other league games this week. Gonzaga is scheduled to appear at the Army and Navy Prep School for a game tomorrow. On Friday night Eastern is slated to oppose the Boys' Y. M. C. A. team.

Saturday night comes Central's big test of the year. The Central players will entertain the Baltimore City College team here. The City College team was handed a 29-to-20 defeat by the Tome School team Saturday.

## WILL SEND ENTRIES

High and Prep School Swimmers in Central Meet.

For the first time in the history of aquatics in this city high and prep school swimmers will get together in two special races at the Central High School dual meet between juniors and freshmen. Tech, Business, Western, St. Albans, and Army and Navy Prep will send entries late today.

The meet will be held tomorrow afternoon, and the entries for the various events are as follows: 60-yard relay, junior—Hosteller, Whitman, Courto, and Hayes; freshman—Dickey, Maitland, Vincent, and Newby.

50-yard swim, junior—Hayes and Courto; freshmen—Vincent and Maitland.

100-yard swim, junior—Hosteller and Little; freshmen—Vincent and Whitman.

220-yard swim, junior—Hayes and Schaff; freshmen—Dickey and Newby.

80-yard back stroke, junior—Jackson and Harrison; freshmen—Newman and Boyet.

80-yard breast stroke, junior—Marcan; freshmen—Maitland and Goldheim.

Plunge for distance, junior—Leech and Wilbur; freshmen—McKenna and Little.

Fancy diving, junior—Hayes and Stose; freshmen—Newby and Little.

One-length special for boys who could not swim one length November 1—Haleo, Smith, Pernisky, Grogio, Frazier, and Kerr.

Two-length special for boys who could not swim one length November 1—Haleo and Kerr.

500-yard special—Call, Houston, and Stokes.

## RELAYS CLASSSED

Central, Western, Tech, and St. Albans Given Ratings at Penn.

Local high school and prep schools are given their class rating in the Penn relay games list published today. St. Albans, on account of its win last year, is ranked in class 1 in the preparatory schools with Tome. Georgetown Prep is rated in class 5 for the Roman Catholic school championship. In class 9 come Gilman Country School, of Baltimore; Episcopal High School, of Alexandria; and the Army and Navy Prep School, of this